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Big crowds turn out for this year's Carfest

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Friends' peak performance raises funds for good cause

By Matthew Brown

A GROUP of hardy Basingstoke school friends have completed the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge – all without any training between them.

Alistair Brown trekked up the three highest mountains in the UK with 10 pals in 30 hours.

The group, most of whom know each other from Richard Aldworth School and Kempshott Junior School, took part in the challenge that involves scaling Mount Snowdon in Wales (1,085 metres), Scafell Pike in England (978m) and Ben Nevis in Scotland (1,345m), in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust.

Unfortunately extreme weather conditions on Ben Nevis, traffic and some injuries prevented the lads from completing it within their 24 hour goal, but they still wrapped it up in an impressive 30 hours.

It is even more spectacular as they had not done a single bit of training between them.

"It was mentally and physically gruelling and by far the most difficult thing any of us have ever done," said Alistair.

"Our bodies are in absolute bits!"

"All of us are extremely proud of ourselves for accepting and completing this challenge and what makes it even more worth the while was that we managed to raise £1,540 which is astonishing," Alistair added.

"I would like to take this oppor-



The climbers take a quick breather and stop to have their picture taken

tunity to thank everyone again for making their generous donations."

Alongside Alistair were Alex Pickering, Adam Pickering, Tony Pickering, James Horsfield, Robbie Wearing (organiser), Ben Barham, Darren Barham, Chris Jones, Aidy

Smith and Mark Adams.

The lads decided to do the Three Peaks to fundraise for Sebastian's Action Trust, which offers help to families of seriously-ill children.

The family of a friend who passed away last year had always supported

the Trust and Alistair and friends decided that they would continue that support.

A spokeswoman for Sebastian's Action Trust said: "All of us at the Trust are so grateful to Alistair and his friends for undertaking such an

amazing challenge.

"We carry out our work supporting families of seriously ill children without a penny of government funding, so fundraising endeavours like this really do make a big difference to us and to our families."

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Visitors take pride in their area thanks to Jane benches

By Matthew Brown

MORE than 16,000 visitors have been to north Hampshire thanks to the Sitting With Jane bookbench project.

The outdoor art portfolio, which features 24 brightly coloured bookbenches mainly scattered around Basingstoke and Deane, has turned the borough into an accessible art gallery that celebrates Jane Austen's life in and around north Hampshire.

It ends today and thanks to a special app, 16,000 visits to bookbenches have been recorded with visitors coming from far and wide.

Sitting with Jane has helped Basingstoke become part of the global celebration of the novelist and the bicentenary of her death this year.

There is one last opportunity to see the benches after today at a special farewell event at Milestones Museum on September 9 and 10, where visitors can see them all together under one roof.

After this, 22 of them will be up for grabs at a charity

auction on September 15 at the Ark Conference Centre where 75 per cent of the proceeds will go to the Ark Cancer Charity.

The auction is being organised by fine art auctioneers Andrew Smith and Son.

Merv Rees, Ark Cancer Centre Charity trustee, said: "Sitting With Jane has attracted a great deal of attention locally, nationally and internationally – and now the charity auction is set to provide a grand and fitting final chapter to this wonderful event.

"Hopefully, each of the bookbenches will raise several thousand pounds, which will make a significant difference to Ark's campaign to help fund the new cancer treatment centre.

"If a business wants to support Ark, leave a lasting legacy, and own a unique piece of Jane Austen 200 history, then buying a bookbench is a great way to achieve all of these goals."

Tickets to the auction cost £10, and include a welcome drink and auction catalogue.

In order to bid for one of the



BBC MasterChef 2016 winner and Ark Cancer Centre Charity supporter Jane Devonshire with some of the Ark to Arc cyclists and one of the bookbenches that will be auctioned on September 15

bookbenches, potential bidders must complete the online registration before the event by going to arkcancercharity.org/fundraising/sitting-jane, where there are also details on other aspects of the auction.

Older people can ask Alexa for care help in their home

PEOPLE can now just "ask Alexa" to help them live independently in their homes for longer, thanks to a groundbreaking scheme between Hampshire County Council and Amazon.

The authority has become the first in the country to test the Amazon Echo technology to support older people needing care.

It is based around a voice-activated home speaker that uses wi-fi and bluetooth connectivity, powered by the Alexa software.

Users can simply "ask Alexa" to remind them about tasks such as taking medication or check when their carer is due to arrive.

Cllr Liz Fairhurst, the county council's executive member for adult social care and health, said: "We are looking to trial this new technology with 50 adult social care clients in Hampshire, to help support and manage their needs within their own homes and avoid the need for additional care packages.

"This is a world first for Hampshire County Council and our care technology partners.

"Working directly with Amazon will ensure our trial is backed by the experience of one of the biggest internet-based retailers in the world.

"We are very excited about the possibilities this project could open up in the future, and its potential to benefit the future of social care."

The technology is hoped to be in testers' homes by the end of the year with the project running throughout 2018.

Crackdown warns: Be aware of bikes at junctions

HAMPSHIRE Police has been taking part in a national crackdown to reduce the number of motorcyclists killed on the roads.

Motorcyclists make up just one per cent of the total traffic on roads, yet they account for 21 per cent of all road deaths.

In 2016, there were 737 collisions involving motorcyclists on Hampshire's roads, result-

ing in 768 casualties, including nine fatalities.

Hotspots for incidents around the county include the M3 between junctions 11 and 10 and junctions seven and four and the A34 between the M3 and A33 junction.

Motorcycle patrols have been stepped up this week with officers engaging both drivers and riders to promote

the message that one extra look at a junction could save a life.

Road safety sergeant Rob Heard said: "Many collisions with motorcycles occur at junctions and we all need to make sure we look out for approaching motorcycles, which may merge into the background as they approach.

"Motorists just need to give

themselves a little extra time to look out for motorcycles, while riders need to make sure they ride safely and not take unnecessary risks.

"This is not about us targeting one group of road users, we are simply reminding people of the potential dangers and hope that both riders and motorists will look out for each other."

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By Matthew Brown

PEACEFUL countryside around Overton was turned into a sea of colour and noise as CarFest roared in.

Olly Murs, Jess Glynne, Busted, Mel C, Tom Odell and the Kaiser Chiefs were just some of the big names performing on the main stage at Laverstoke Park Farm, wow-

ing thousands over the bank holiday weekend.

CarFest fused music with cars and some of the fastest and coolest supercars from Britain, USA, Japan, France, Germany and Italy were also on show, taking part in the 'Car Nations' track sprint.

There was also spectacular stunt action including a self-donutting car and a perfor-

mance from the Red Arrows.

As well as the music and cars, people got messy with the world's biggest custard pie fight, tried out super skills in the Super Hero Academy and were served treats by Bake Off winner Candice Brown.

CarFest is the brainchild of BBC star Chris Evans and has raised millions for Children in Need.



Mel C entertained the crowds, as did the Red Arrows display team
Pictures: Will Bailey



Car wash sud-cess

EMPLOYEES from around Basingstoke put their back into St Michael's Hospice's seventh annual car wash week to raise £2,284 for the hospice.

Teams from Starbucks, Unum Ltd, SSE and C.A.R.S Auto Services made sure vehicles were looking spick and span last week as well as having a great day out of the office team building.

Jackie Ridge, corporate partnership manager at the Hospice, said: "Over the week, the teams raised an amazing £1,142 and this amount is match funded by Basepoint Basingstoke, bringing the total for the week to £2,284.

"Thank you so much to all the teams for an amazing week."

Right, the team from Unum do their bit for the hospice



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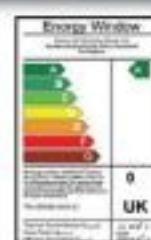
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Their Finest film

TADLEY: Their Finest, a film about a British film crew bidding to boost morale during the Second World War by making a propaganda film after the Blitz is to be shown at the Community Centre on Saturday.

It runs from 7pm to 9pm and costs £5.50 for non-members or £4.50 for members.

Roof repairs

SHERBORNE ST JOHN: Meet site manager Andy Nicholls on Wednesday to find out about repairing the roof at The Vyne.

He will explain the construction of complex scaffolding around a fragile listed building and dismantling and reconstructing chimneys.

The talks are at 11am to noon and 2pm to 3pm and are free but normal admission applies.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice lottery winners for August 24 are: first prize of £1,000 to 89464 of Newbury, second prize £100 to 24226 of Whitchurch.

Third prize of £50 to Hook ticket 31608, and Tadley ticket 51089 gets fourth prize of £20.

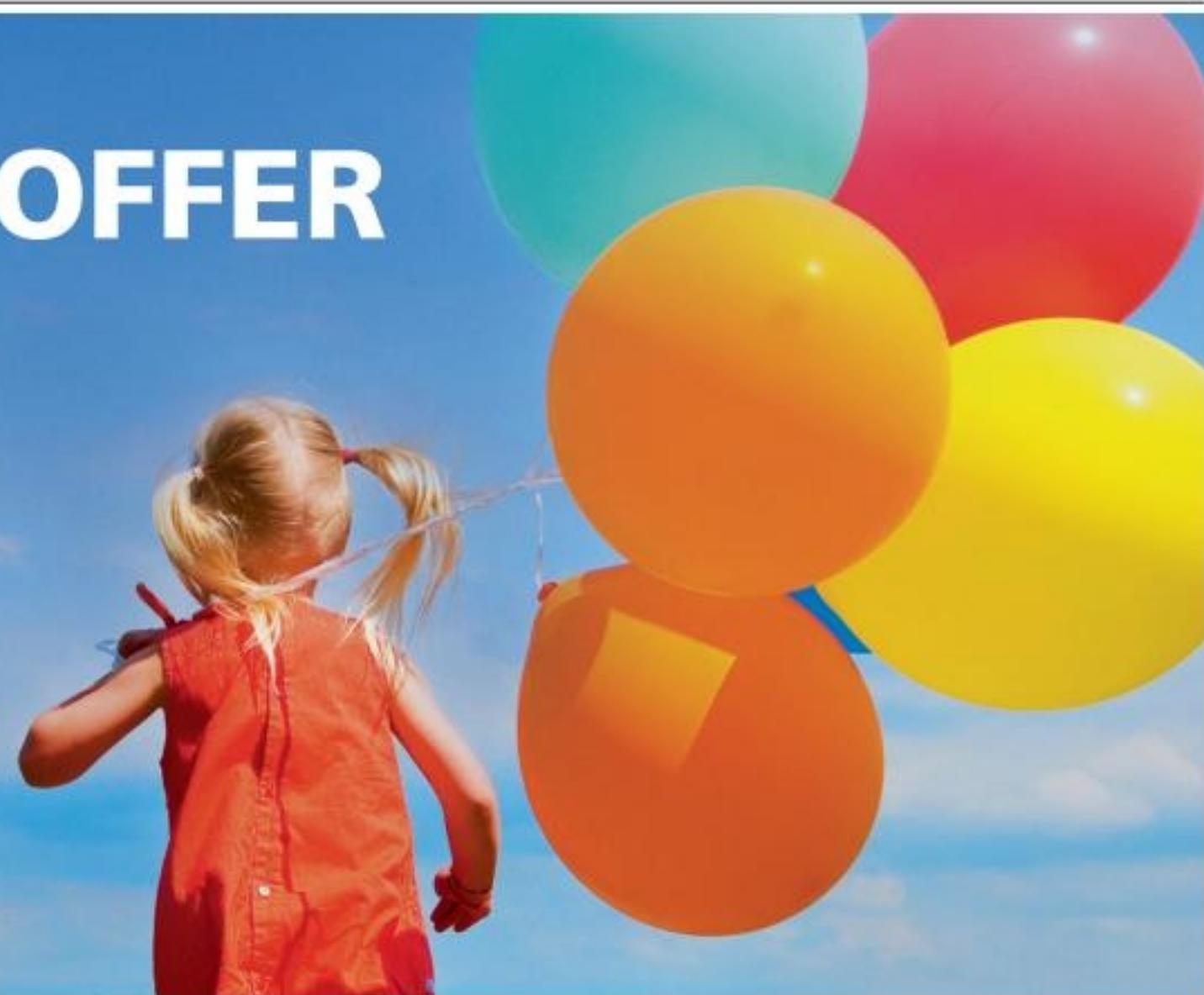
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The side practise throughout the autumn and winter months for summer, where they can be found dancing at local pubs, fêtes and festivals.

Morris is a traditional form of English dancing and Basingclog perform the north west style of the

dance, originating some 300 years ago in and around cotton mills.

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Firms struggle to find recruits

By Adam Flinn

BUSINESSES in north Hampshire could be finding it difficult to hire the right employees because of falling unemployment levels in the region.

That is the view of the M3 Job Club, after the latest unemployment figures for July showed there had been a 54 per cent drop in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in the last five years in Basingstoke and Deane.

Just over 1,000 people claimed the benefit in the borough in July.

Employment levels across the country are at a record high 75.01 per cent, with the number of people not in work at its lowest rate since 1975.

Richard Thayer, chairman and founder of the M3 Job Club, said: "We tend to find there's companies struggling to find the right people.

"If you look at the Basingstoke area, the unemployment rate is probably under one per cent.

"We know of a number of companies who are looking for the right skilled people, particularly when it comes to small and medium-sized enterprises, they are finding it difficult.

"So we're trying to let them know that there are a number of skilled people who are around, who have



One of the coaching sessions run by the Basingstoke-based M3 Job Club

got the right ethics and just want to get back into work."

Around 35 professional people currently attend the weekly coaching-led sessions run by the job club.

The M3 Job Club, which is based in Basingstoke, helps those out of work or at risk of redundancy to connect with businesses in need of skilled staff.

Mr Thayer added: "Basingstoke is going through quite a transformation with a lot of new buildings coming through or being developed,

and obviously we've got companies who are looking for particular talents.

"There have been people who are considering moving to this area because there's more opportunities coming up, so we're trying to attract more into this area.

"People are more flexible and looking for more opportunities, and that's quite interesting to see how businesses are responding and what they're trying to do to attract new candidates."

Can you solve mystery of injured man?

POLICE are appealing for information as they try to work out how a man found with serious injuries to his head, legs and hands in a Basingstoke street was harmed.

The 21-year-old man was discovered in Westray Close, Oakridge at 10.44pm last Wednesday.

He was taken to the North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke to be treated, where his injuries were

said not to be life threatening.

At this stage, Hampshire Constabulary is linking the incident to a robbery a few hours later at around 1.25am.

A 16-year-old boy and 46-year-old woman were walking between Churchill Way and Sinclair Drive when they were assaulted by an unknown man and had a handbag stolen.

Neither victim suffered any serious injury. The man was described as being around 5ft 10ins, and was wearing dark clothing.

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Hard work pays off for 'Stoke's GCSE students

By Matthew Brown

AFTER two years of hard work, Basingstoke students can relax now they know their GCSE results.

Amidst tough times at Fort Hill Community School in Winklebury, 47 per cent of pupils gained a four or more (equivalent of a C and above).

This is the penultimate cohort of students to get their GCSE results at Fort Hill following a decision in June to close the school and amalgamate it with Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College from September.

Only last year's year 10 students will remain at the Kenilworth Road school to complete their GCSEs, with the rest transferring to Cranbourne.

A star performer at Fort Hill



Sherfield School's Rachel Walker with head of English John Sentance-Davis

spirit fostered at the school, the dedication of our staff and the unstinting support of our parents.

"I would like to wish our year 11 students every success in the future."

At Sherfield School, pupils

there registered the school's best ever GCSE results.

A massive 92 per cent of pupils achieved five grades A* to C, with just under 50 per cent of all grades rated A*-A and 78 per cent all achieving grade B or higher.

Rachel Walker was one of those who shone, earning the prestigious grade nine (equivalent to an outstanding A* star) in both English language and literature, alongside six A*s.

Headmaster Nicholas Fisher said: "These are the school's best ever GCSE results, and they are a great tribute to the hard work of all the teaching staff during this transition towards more competitive exams.

"I am delighted that the pupils have risen to the challenges that these exams posed."

Over at The Costello School, headteacher Leigh Adams hailed their results as "one of the best set of outcomes in the recent history of the school" as 66 per cent achieved grades A* to C (9-4).

He paid tribute to the hard work of the students as well as



Students at The Costello School celebrate their results

the teaching and non-teaching staff.

Mr Adams added: "On a wide note, I am delighted for all students across Basingstoke who have worked incredibly hard this year and are now able to go onto to their preferred post-16 destination."

Peter Edgar, Hampshire County Council's executive member for education, said: "I would like to congratulate Hampshire's GCSE pupils on their hard work and achievement.

"Even with the more rigorous standards, our indications are that young people in Hampshire have achieved good results and the vast majority will be going on to further study or training with a good set of qualifications under their belts."



Fort Hill's Alan Philip achieved 11 top grades

New GCSE grades explained:

- The new numbered grades have only been used for English language, English literature and maths for this year
- They rank from nine (the highest grade) to one (the lowest grade), with U remaining as 'ungraded'
- Nine and eight can be considered the equivalent to an A* in the old system
- Seven to four cover the old A-C grades, with three, two and one reflective of a D, E, F or G
- The numbered system will gradually be introduced across all GCSE subjects, with them all expected to have made the switch in two years time

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Quacking line up

ALDERMASTON: The 75th Aldermaston and Wasing Show takes place on Saturday. There will be a best-dressed duck competition and duck derby along with arena displays and events including falconry, ferrets and the Tadley Brass.

Other attractions include egg-throwing contests, circus skills, donkey sanctuary, classic cars, fly past and more. The show starts at 2pm.

Refreshing start

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: Refresh Festival – a health, wellbeing and lifestyle festival - is coming to Wellington Country Park in Riseley.

It takes place on Saturday and Sunday, and there will be activities, workshops and product trials for all ages along with Dame Kelly Holmes hosting the event.

It is open from 10am to 7pm on Saturday and to 6pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £25 for adults, £15 for teenagers, while under-13s are free.

Take a seat

SHERFIELD PARK: The parish council is on the lookout for a new councillor. Contact chair Joyce Bowyer at clrbbowyer@sherfieldparkparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are interested.

Cancer test kit saved my life, says retired rector

By Matthew Brown

RETired rector Michael Kenning is urging people not to ignore the symptoms of bowel cancer after being given "a second chance at life".

Michael, a former rector of Steventon and who now accompanies the Tadley Singers on the piano, underwent life-saving surgery at Basingstoke Hospital after being diagnosed with the cancer in late 2015.

"When you're told you have cancer, it's scary," he said in a letter thanking his consultant surgeon Sanjeev Dayal.

"But after surgery you feel you have been given a second chance at life."

The 70-year-old had suffered from bouts of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) in the past but was unaware of any symptoms that could suggest bowel cancer, especially after completing a home test every two years from the age of 60 and being given the all-clear from them.

However he noticed a change in bowel habits towards the end of 2015 and went to see his doctor after initially thinking that the IBS had returned.

Another test was carried



Michael Kenning says he's been given a second chance at life

out that confirmed the cancer and within 48 hours, Michael found himself at Basingstoke Hospital.

He said: "Thank goodness I carried out the test – they are life-saving and anybody who receives one through the post

and throws them away is very

foolish. Don't let the absence of symptoms such as pain, exhaustion, poor appetite and weight loss mislead you into believing there's nothing seriously wrong."

A CT scan revealed a growth on the colon and Michael had surgery to remove it.

He added: "Even though the signs were there, it was still a shock to find out I had cancer – I couldn't believe it."

The operation went ahead and Michael was full of praise for the care he received:

"The bowel cancer nurses were extremely vigilant and on hand to help me, especially when times got tough."

"I can honestly say that I wasn't anxious or upset at any time throughout my hospital care, I felt so supported by the staff and visitors."

Michael is now enjoying life again – whether it be walking the dogs with wife Valerie or getting away to France on holiday – he is back to his best.

Anyone with blood in their waste or bleeding from their bottom, a change in bowel habits, weight loss, extreme tiredness or tummy pain are urged to see their GP as soon as possible.

Sarah Crane, chief executive of the Pelican Cancer Foundation, said: "Don't be embarrassed and don't ignore symptoms."

"Doctors are used to seeing people with bowel problems and it could save your life."

Make sure to secure your vote

BASINGSTOKE and Deane residents who want to vote are being encouraged to make sure they are on the electoral register.

Forms from the borough council's electoral registration office are being sent out to homes, asking residents to update or confirm that their details are correct on the electoral register as part of an annual update.

Melbourne Barrett, the borough council's electoral registration officer, said: "Anyone that wants to vote must be registered."

"To make sure you have your say in the elections next year, simply check the form when it arrives and respond as promptly as possible."

"Doing this online, by text or phone at any time of day or night is the quickest and easiest way."

To ensure the electoral register is up to date, identify anyone who is not registered and delete those who have left the property. The household enquiry form is sent annually to properties.

Even if there are no changes to make, information must still be provided by residents.

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RAF seven set out on cycle

SEVEN cyclists from RAF Odiham were due to jump into the saddle to cycle 70 miles for charity today.

Dean Pyle, Alex Hughes, Stuart Crichton, Chris Cubitt, Lee Cunnick, Tom Hukin and Kay Edwards, from the Survival Equipment Section, are fundraising for the RAF Benevolent Fund by cycling the Basingstoke Canal from Odiham to Addlestone and back.

Corporal Pyle said: "Every year Survival Equipment hold a charity event.

"We wanted to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund – it feels like the perfect way to give a little back to a great charity that recognises what the RAF do, and the stress our jobs can cause."

Cpl Pyle added: "We hope the money will go towards helping more serving personnel and veterans with any problems they may come up against. If our fundraising enables the Benevolent Fund to help even one person, we will feel like we achieved what we set out to do."

The group, who are aged between 23 and 33, are responsible for the repair, rectification and modification of all survival equipment including life rafts, harnesses and helmets.

Heather Kemp, regional fundraiser for the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "Those based at RAF Odiham have constantly shown support. How Dean and the team have found the time to train for this challenge is beyond me, but we are very grateful for their dedication."



The team has been training hard for the ride

Rail fare increases are 'out of line with tight family budgets'

By Matthew Brown

RAIL fare increases set to be imposed on hard-pressed commuters in January are a 'bitter blow'.

The leader of Basingstoke and Deane's Liberal Democrat group, councillor Gavin James, has hit out at the rise in ticket prices from Basingstoke to London.

South Western Railway's (SWR) services to Waterloo will face the biggest rise in fares

for five years with a hike of 3.6 per cent, meaning an annual season ticket from Basingstoke to Waterloo will cost £4,463, up £155 on the 2017 price of £4,308.

"The steep hike to rail fares will be a bitter blow for passengers from Basingstoke and across Hampshire struggling with overcrowded trains," he said.

"The UK already has some of the most expensive rail fares in the world.

"A one-month season ticket

from Basingstoke to London Waterloo is currently £410 a month, £488 if you include underground travel. Another £15 or so a month will hit already squeezed family budgets hard.

"It would be easier to accept these increases if there was evidence that this money will be invested in improving infrastructure rather than just lining the pockets of train companies."

Rail fares for season tickets are set by government, not by train companies such as SWR.

Paul Plummer, chief executive of the Rail Delivery Group – which brings together train companies and Network Rail to improve the railway – said: "Money from fares pays to run and improve the railway, making journeys better, boosting the economy, creating skilled jobs and supporting communities across Britain, and politicians set increases to season tickets.

"It's also the case that major industry costs rise directly in

line with RPI (Retail Price Index), that measures the change in cost of a sample of retail goods and services).

"Rail companies are working together to improve performance now, adding thousands more seats over the next 18 months and, longer term, simplifying fares and ticket buying so that the county has the railway it needs to prosper."

SWR said it does not set season ticket fares only the price of regular train tickets.

News Bites

Art to aid health

BASINGSTOKE: Holistic Action for Health is putting on an art for well-being workshop on Tuesday.

The lottery-funded community health project for the abused and disadvantaged's latest event at the YMCA in Eastrop Way promises to channel creativity, increase mindfulness and build confidence.

It runs from 10.15am to 12.15pm and is free.

Call 01256 269906 or email info@h-a-h-a.org for further information.

Make new friends

BASINGSTOKE: The Basingstoke and District Disability Forum is hosting a coffee afternoon on Tuesday.

The event at the Discovery Centre in Festival Place offers the opportunity to meet and talk to new people. It runs from noon to 2.30pm.

First aid for free

BASINGSTOKE: A free first aid course is taking place at the Viables Community Centre on Tuesday at 2.30pm.

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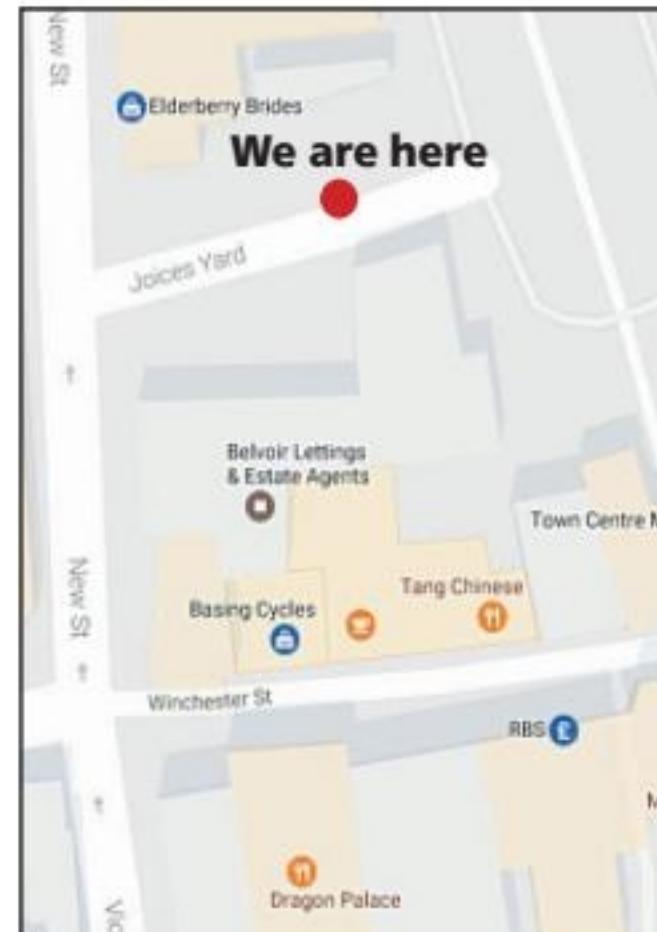
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Students nail cash for charity

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But that's what happened when Cllr Jane Frankum visited a coffee morning which had been organised by a group of students.

As part of their National Citizen Scheme programme, the students, aged between 16 and 17, organised the coffee morning at Cliddesden Church Hall in aid of Basing-

stoke NeighbourCare that was also attended by mayor Paul Frankum.

They also organised a sponsored triathlon at the Hampshire Court Hotel and a quiz night at Spotlight in Popley, raising a total of £1,600 for the charity.

The students worked as a team to select their events, book the venues, obtain prizes and manage the events that made up the social action phase

of the NCS where they had to fundraise and make a difference.

They chose to support Basingstoke NeighbourCare because they are 'passionate about the elderly and feel they should feel involved and cared for'.

The charity enables people to stay independent and in their own homes and provides volunteers to assist clients, most of whom are elderly or disabled.



Cllr Jane Frankum get her nails done by one of the students

Keep your mobile in the glove box, county warns motorists

By Matthew Brown

HAMPSHIRE County Council has thrown its weight behind a national campaign highlighting the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving.

The national THINK! campaign encourages motorists to put their phones in the glove box or risk a £200 fine and six penalty points on a driving licence – introduced earlier this year in March.

If the offence is deemed to be so bad or the fixed penalty



Rob Humby

notice for £200 is refused, then there is potential for court action which could result in

large fines – the maximum being £1,000 or £2,500 if driving a bus or goods vehicle.

Rob Humby, the county council's executive member of environment and transport, said: "People are four times more likely to be in a crash if they use their mobile phone while driving.

"All drivers need to give their full attention to the roads at all times, or the consequences can be severe.

"Safety must come first for everyone on our roads, and

calls and text messages can wait."

It is illegal to use a handheld mobile when driving, which includes using a phone to follow a map, read a text or social media.

This also applies even when stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

When supervising a learner driver, it is also illegal to use a phone.

Reaction times are two times slower if you text and drive and if you drink drive this

increases to three times when using a handheld phone behind the wheel.

Even careful drivers can be distracted by a call or text and a split-second lapse in concentration could result in a crash.

The advice from the AA is to stop or leave the call to voicemail – even if you have a hands-free phone.

If you must talk and have a hands-free phone, keep conversations short and simple or say that you'll find a safe and legal place to stop and phone back.

News Bites

Seafarers salute

WHITCHURCH: The Red Ensign of the Merchant Navy will be raised above Whitchurch Town Hall tomorrow at 10am in advance of Merchant Navy Day on Sunday.

The day honours the courageous men and women who kept the country supplied during both world wars and celebrates the country's dependence on modern day seafarers who are responsible for 95 per cent of the UK's imports.

Steam fair rolls in

BASINGSTOKE: Carters Steam Fair will be in the War Memorial Park on Saturday and Sunday.

The fair will feature rides and attractions for all ages, along with traditional games and vintage rides dating from the 1890s to the 1960s.

It is open from 11am to 10pm on Saturday with a firework display at 9pm, and 11am to 8pm on Sunday.

It's showtime!

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON: The 51st Sherfield Show takes place in the village hall on Sunday.

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Buy-to-let purchases increase as extra taxes fail to put off investors

Whilst homeowners pause to think, buy-to-let investors remain confident in the property market. New figures from HMRC have shown that the number of investment property transactions has increased by 3% in the last quarter.

Michael Cook, Romans Lettings Director elaborates; "This figure from HMRC backs up what our own internal data is showing - in the first half of 2017, 1 in 4 of Romans' buyers was a buy-to-let investor.

It doesn't come as a surprise as many towns around the South East

By Romans Group

will soon benefit from the opening of Cross Rail and a number of town regeneration projects which will no doubt increase the demand for rental property."

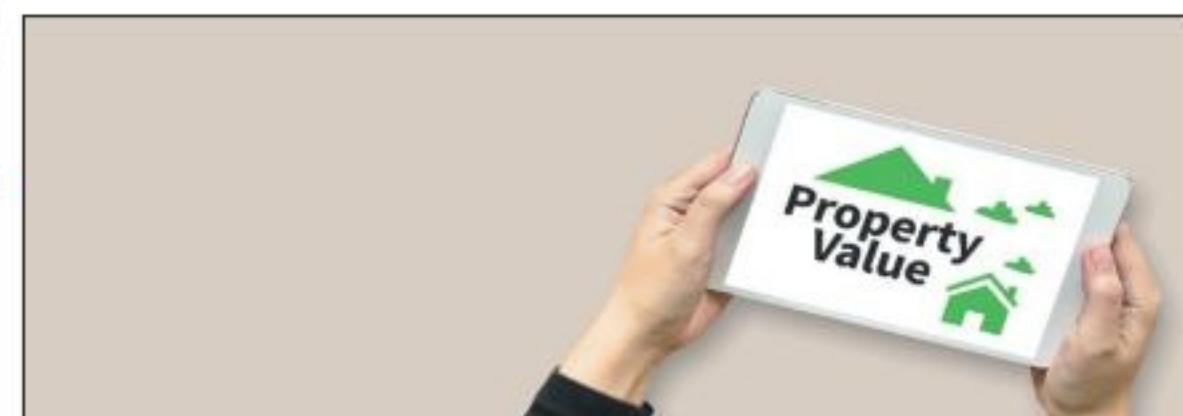
The real concern for landlords is the increased risk of prosecution and fines, 40% of landlords surveyed by Direct Line for Business admitted to being nervous about failing to comply with the increasing amounts of complex legislation landlords must adhere to.

Michael adds: "Investors appear to have realised that the substantial returns on offer in the property market far outweigh the initial costs, including an increased stamp duty tariff.

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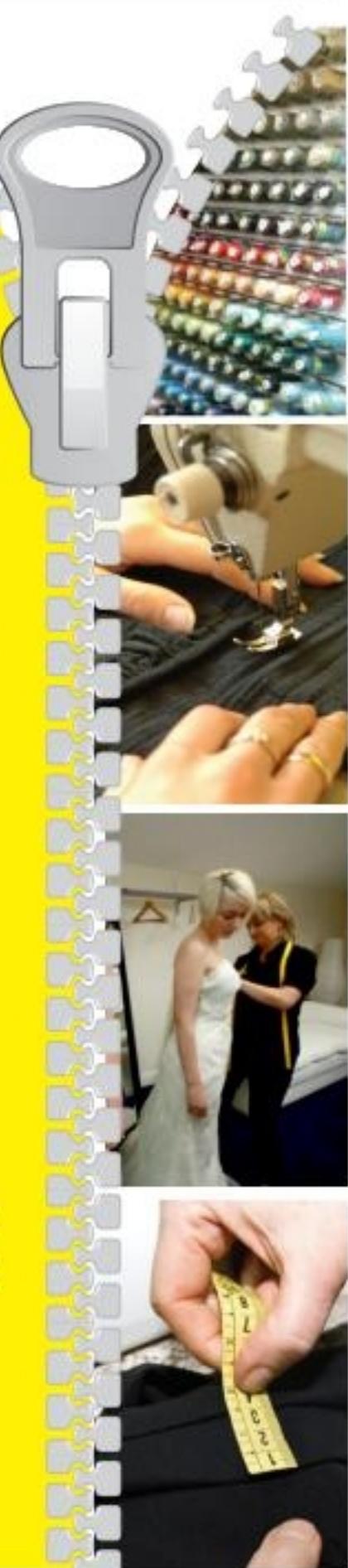
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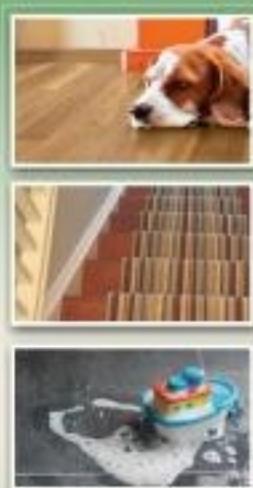
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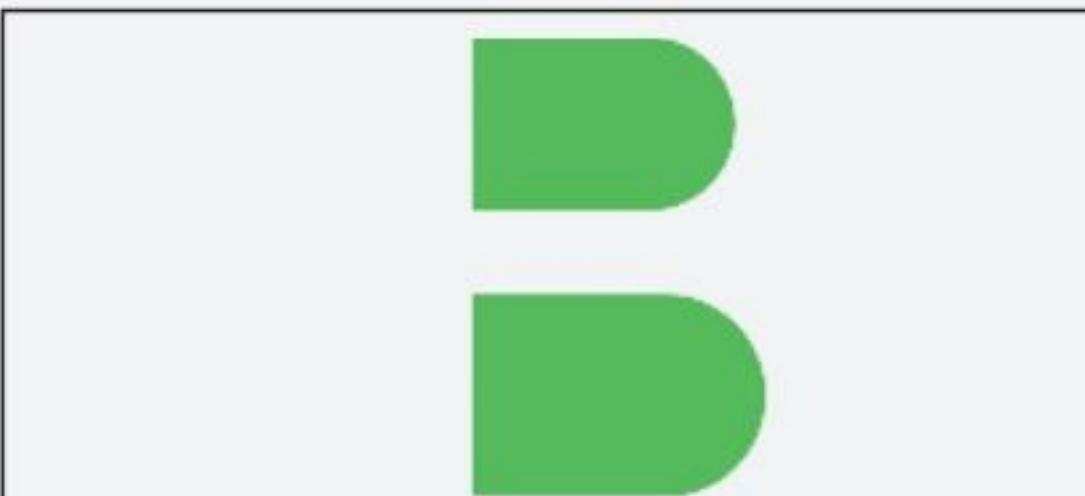
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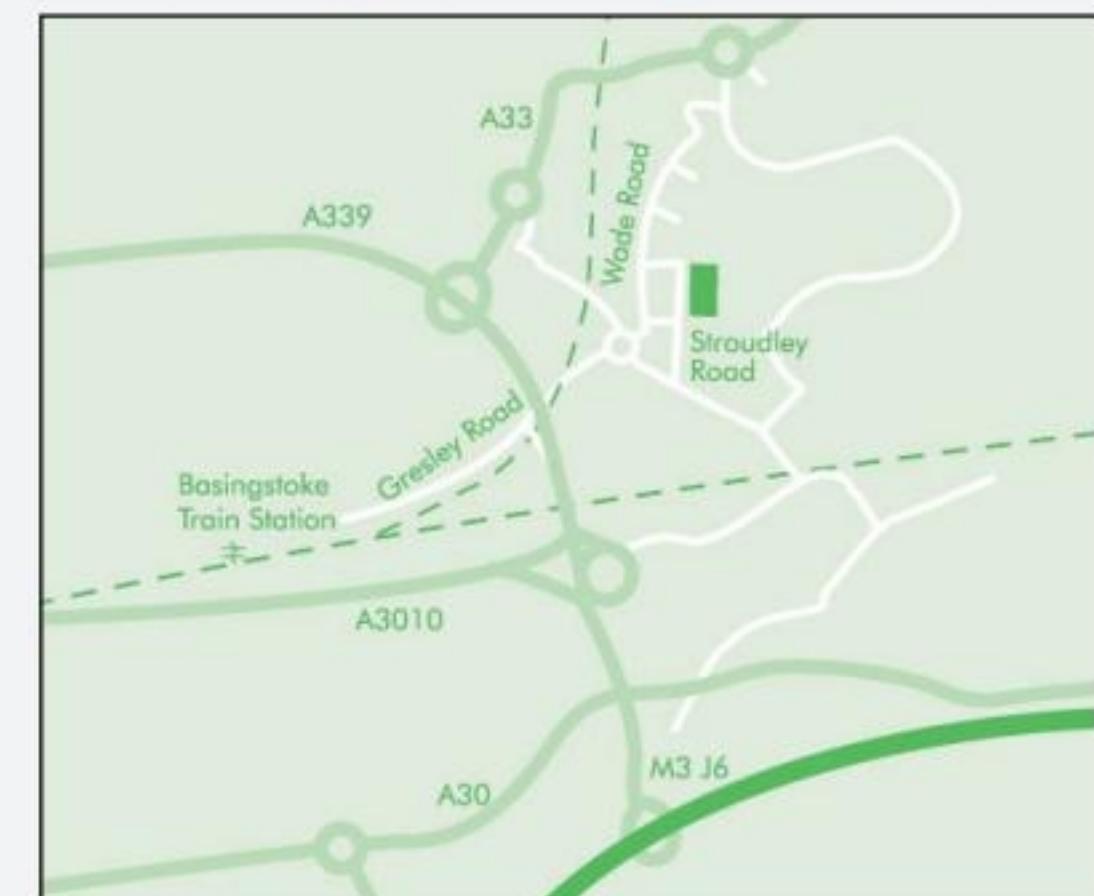
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7.00 Pointless Celebrities A star-studded, comedy-themed edition of the general knowledge quiz. (S)(R)

7.50 Casualty Ethan anxiously awaits the result of the coroner's report into Scott Ellisson's death, and Iain faces the wrath of Lily's Aunt Ling when he accompanies her to a family wedding. (S)

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9.00 FILM The Full Monty (1997) (15) Six unemployed men from Sheffield decide the only way to earn some money is to become a strip act – for one night only. Comedy, with Robert Carlyle. (S)

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10.25 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Newlyweds Dermot and Maria argue. (S)(R)

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11.15 Live at the Apollo Comedy sets by Frankie Boyle, Simon Evans and Aisling Bea. (S)(R)

11.45 People Just Do Nothing (S)

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12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.20 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Proms Extra, 6.45pm



10.45 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo (S)(R) 11.15 Wanted Down Under (S)(R) 12.00 My Life on a Plate (S)(R) 12.45 Dirk Bogarde: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 1.25 FILM The Password Is Courage (1962) (U) 3.20 Mastermind (R) 3.45 University Challenge (S)(R) 4.15 Only Connect (S)(R) 4.45 Gardeners' World (R) 5.45 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R) 6.45 Proms Extra (S)

7.25 Venice Biennale: Britain's New Voices British artists prepare an exhibit for the Italian festival. (S)

8.00 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks Iolo Williams visits Dare Valley Country Park near Aberdare. Last in the series. (S)

8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

9.00 Whitney: Can I Be Me Previously unused footage and live performance recordings tell the life story of celebrated American singer Whitney Houston. (S)

10.40 FILM Hunky Dory (2011) (15) Comedy drama, with Minnie Driver and Aneurin Barnard. (S)

12.25 FILM I'm So Excited! (2013) (15) Pedro Almodovar's comedy, starring Carlos Areces. 1.50 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Family Chase, 6pm



6.00 CITV 8.25 Weekend (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.30 Tipping Point (S)(R) 1.30 Midsomer Murders (S)(R) 3.30 FILM Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep. (S) 5.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 ITV News (S) 6.00 The Family Chase (S)

7.00 Cannonball New series. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show. (S)

8.00 The X Factor New series. The long-running talent contest returns. (S)

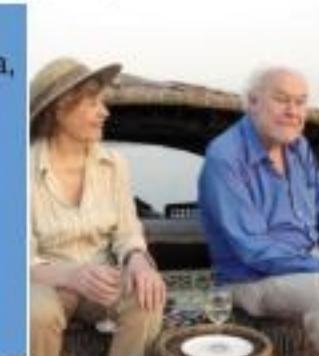
9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show New series. The chat show returns, as Jonathan interviews singer-turned-actor Harry Styles, actress Suranne Jones and comedian John Bishop. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.45 FILM Die Another Day (2002) (12) Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan. (S)

1.15 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Great Canal Journeys: India, 8pm



6.40 Para Triathlon: Superhero Tri (S)(R) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.50 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 1.20 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 4.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 5.00 Channel 4 News (S) 5.30 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights (S)

7.00 Rome's Sunken Secrets Documentary exploring the underwater ruins of an ancient Roman city located in the Bay of Naples. (S)(R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys: India The first of two programmes in which Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore India. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) (12) Action adventure sequel, with Bruce Willis and Jai Courtney. (S)

10.50 FILM X-Men 2 (2003) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen. (S)

1.10 Hollyoaks (S) 3.15 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 4.10 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) 5.05 Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

Channel 5

Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away, 6pm



6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.45 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S) (R) 11.05 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits (S)(R) 12.00 Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four (S)(R) 1.00 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 4.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away The sheriffs chase £10,000 owed by a publican to a contractor. (R)

7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 Supernatural Nazis Hitler's belief in black magic and psychic abilities, which he used to influence the course of the war. (S)

9.00 Super Scary Plane Landings Caribbean islands that are home to some of the world's most difficult runways, including St Barts. (S)(R)

10.00 The Secret Life of the Long-Haul Flight Documentary following one of the longest flights in the world – from London to Sydney. (S)(R)

11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)

12.15 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Eve of Destruction (S) 4.45 Access (S)(R) 4.50 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.20 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.25 Emmerdale 9.00 Coronation Street 10.35 Catchphrase 11.20 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule 11.50 You've Been Framed! Gold 12.15 You've Been Framed! Reloaded 1.20 FILM: Space Chimps (2008) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Andy Samberg. 2.20 FYI Daily 2.25 FILM: Space Chimps (2008) (U) Concluded. 3.00 FILM: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Comedy, starring Kevin James. 4.05 FYI Daily 4.10 FILM: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Concluded. 4.50 FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. 5.50 FYI Daily 5.55 FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded. 6.55 FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Charlie Hunnam. 7.55 FYI Daily 8.00 FILM: Pacific Rim (2013) (12) Concluded. 9.30 FILM: The 40 Year-Old Virgin (2005) (15) Comedy, starring Steve Carell. 10.30 FYI Daily 10.35 FILM: The 40 Year-Old Virgin (2005) (15) Concluded. 11.50 Family Guy 1.15 American Dad! 2.10 The Keith Lemon Sketch Show 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.45 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. 8.45 FYI Daily 8.50 FILM: Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) 9.35 FILM: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) 10.35 FYI Daily 10.40 FILM: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) 11.30 Jane Eyre 1.45 The Darling Buds of May 3.00 FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren. 4.00 FYI Daily 4.05 FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) Concluded. 5.05 Lewis 9.00 Foyle's War 11.05 Law & Order: UK 1.05 The Knock 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman 8.00 Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1984 12.10 The Everly Brothers: Harmonies from Heaven 1.10 Metal at the BBC 1.40 Fabric of Britain: The Wonder of Embroidery 2.40 Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures 3.40 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Goldbergs 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.15 Coach Trip: Road to Zante 10.55 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza 11.55 FILM: Muppet Treasure Island (1996) (U)

Musical puppet comedy, with Tim Curry. 1.55 Streetmate 3.00 Don't Tell the Bride 4.00 The Great British Bake Off 5.15 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 FILM: GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) (12) Action adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson. 10.05 Naked Attraction 11.10 Gogglebox 1.30 Tattoo Fixers 2.20 Rude Tube 3.25 Naked Attraction 4.20 Rude (ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems 9.30 Coast vs Country 10.30 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 1.40 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun 2.40 Come Dine with Me 5.20 Four in a Bed 8.00 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb 9.00 Cruel and Unusual 11.10 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 2.15 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb 3.15 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 3.55 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Baggage Claim (2013) (12) Romantic comedy, with Paula Patton. 1.00 The Book of Life (2014) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Diego Luna. 2.50 Carry On Constable (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. 4.30 Fantastic Four (2005) (PG) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. 6.35 Mrs Doubtfire (1993) (12) Comedy, with Robin Williams. 9.00 Prisoners (2013) (15) Thriller, starring Hugh Jackman. 12.05 Solomon Kane (2010) (15) 2.10 The Evil Dead (1982) (18) 4.00 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Projects 10.00 Sin City Motors 12.00 Top Gear 1.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 2.00 Traffic Cops 3.00 Gavin & Stacey 5.40 Would I Lie to You? 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 FILM: Swordfish (2001) (15) Crime thriller, starring John Travolta and Hugh Jackman. 11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.00 QI XL 2.00 Would I Lie to You? 2.35 Not Going Out 3.10 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.30 The Last Detective 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 When the Boat Comes In 5.00 Judge John Deed 7.00 Jonathan Creek 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Shetland 11.35 Waking the Dead 2.05 Sharpe 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 7.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 8.00 The F1 Show 8.30 Soccer AM: 10.00 TBA 12.00 Live MLS. 2.00 Through the Night

The Best Bits 9.00 Football's Funniest Moments 9.30 Premier League Preview 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 What's Up TV 12.00 The Dog Whisperer 2.00 Game4Grenfell. Coverage of the charity football match from QPR's Loftus Road. 5.30 Football's Funniest Moments 6.30 Flying Monsters with David Attenborough 8.00 Carpool Karaoke Special 9.00 A League of Their Own US Road Trip 10.00 FILM: Snakes on a Plane (2006) (15) Thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson. 12.00 A League of Their Own 1.00 Ross Kemp on Gangs 3.00 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The British 7.00 The Guest Wing 9.00 Human Made Stories 9.10 Storm City 10.10 Human Made Stories 10.20 Fish Town 11.20 Becoming Warren Buffett 1.05 House 4.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 12.30 Ballers 1.05 Real Time with Bill Maher 2.15 Twin Peaks: The Return 3.25 Looking 4.00 Storm City

W SKY: 109

6.00 Countryside 9.99 7.00 The Bill 11.00 EastEnders 1.30 Celebrity Tipping Point 3.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 5.30 My Family Christmas Special 6.50 FILM: Yes Man (2008) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 9.00 FILM: Kill Bill: Vol 2 (2004) (18) Revenge thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman. 11.40 Louis Theroux: Behind Bars 12.40 Life and Death Row 1.40 Grimm 2.30 Judge Faith 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Goodnight Sweetheart 8.05 Lucky Feller 8.35 The Piglet Files 9.10 A Sharp Intake of Breath 9.50 Butterflies 10.30 Only Fools and Horses 12.35 Goodnight Sweetheart 1.45 Butterflies 2.30 Big School 3.30 Inside No 9 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans. Including news and views on today's early stories and a look at the back pages. 10.00 Soccer Saturday Pre-Match 10.30 Live NatWest T20 Blast Cricket. The opening semi-final. 2.15 Live NatWest T20 Blast Cricket. The second semi-final. 5.45 Masterclass: Daniel Vettori 6.15 Live NatWest T20 Blast Cricket. The final. 10.00 TBA 12.00 Live MLS. 2.00 Through the Night

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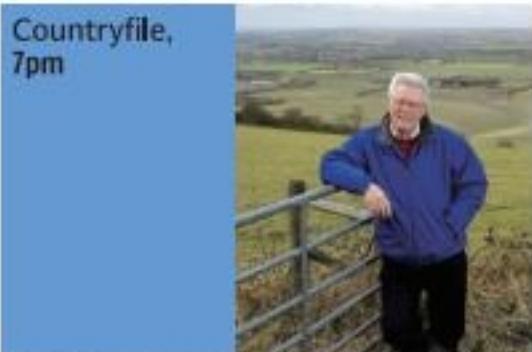
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Countryfile,
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10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 2.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 3.00 Points of View (S) 3.15 Lifeline (S) 3.25 Songs of Praise (S) 4.00 Diana: The Last Princess of Wales (S) 5.00 **FILM** Toy Story 3 (2010) (U) (S) 6.35 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)

7.00 **Countryfile** A look at how our food is harvested. (S)

8.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould travel to Australia to verify whether a painting is a lost work by impressionist Tom Roberts. (S)

9.00 **Strike – The Cuckoo's Calling** The story reaches a climax as long-buried secrets are revealed, putting Strike and Robin in danger as they close in on Lula Landry's killer. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 **New Tricks** (S)(R)

11.30 **FILM** Keeping Rosy (2014) (15) Thriller, starring Maxine Peake and Blake Harrison. (S)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)

1.00 **BBC News** (S)

BBC2

III Behaviour,
10pm

7.30 **Gardeners' World** (S)(R) 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 9.00 **Countryfile** (S)(R) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.00 A Cook Abroad: Monica Galetti's France (S)(R) 1.00 Boxing: World Amateur Championships (S) 3.00 Equestrian: Burghley Horse Trials (S) 5.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 6.00 Wild Tales from the Village (S)(R)

7.00 **Tribes, Predators & Me** Gordon Buchanan travels to Papua New Guinea. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.00 **Dragons' Den** Pitches include a crowdfunded range of personalised luxury bags and a range of free-from, allergy-friendly frozen curry sauces. (S)

9.00 **Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** The candidates move from basic to advanced stages of selection, heading to some of the most specialised astronaut training facilities in Europe. (S)

10.00 **III Behaviour** Joel is consumed by paranoia as he and Tess resort to locking Charlie in the basement. Last in the series. (S)

11.00 **FILM** Let Me In (2010) (15) Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee. (S)

12.45 **FILM** Return from the River Kwai (1988) (15) Second World War drama sequel, starring Chris Penn. (S) 2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 3.20 Holby City (S)(R) 4.20 This Is BBC Two

ITV

Tipping Point:
Lucky Stars,
6pm

9.30 **Judge Rinder** (S)(R) 10.25 Joanna Lumley's Postcards (S)(R) 10.55 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 11.20 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 12.20 **ITV News**; Weather (S) 12.30 **Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) 1.00 **FILM** Happy Feet (2006) (U) (S) 3.00 **The X Factor** (S)(R) 4.30 **Victoria** (S)(R) 5.35 **ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) 5.40 **ITV News** (S) 6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)(R)

7.00 **Coronation Street** Phelan makes a grave decision about Andy. (S)

8.00 **The X Factor** The long-running talent contest continues. (S)

9.00 **Victoria** The queen suspects that her husband is attracted to another woman and discovers she is pregnant for a second time. (S)

10.05 **ITV News**; Weather (S)
10.20 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories** Barrister Robert Rinder examines real-life cases. (S)(R)

11.25 **5 Gold Rings** A brother and sister take on two Royal Navy shipmates. (S)(R)

12.20 **Jackpot247** 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen** 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

1.50 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) 2.40 **Gillette World Sport** (S) 3.10 **KOTV Boxing Weekly** (S) 3.35 **Para Triathlon: Superhero Tri** (S)(R) 4.30 **Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) 5.25 **Jamie's Comfort Food Bites** (S)(R) 5.35 **Too Many Cooks** (S)(R)

Channel 4

Formula 1:
Italian Grand
Prix Highlights,
5.45pm

6.00 **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures** (S)(R) 6.15 **Last Man Standing** 6.40 **Outlaw Triathlon** (S) 7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) 8.30 **Fraser** (S)(R) 9.30 **Sunday Brunch** (S) 12.30 **The Simpsons** (S)(R) 1.20 **FILM** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) (U) (S) 3.15 **The Crystal Maze** (S)(R) 4.10 **The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) 5.25 **Channel 4 News** (S) 5.45 **Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Highlights** (S)

7.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** High Court enforcement agents Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner are in Birmingham. (S)(R)

8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights** New series. Action from the opening round of fixtures. (S)
8.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 **FILM** Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014) (12) Premiere. Biblical epic, starring Christian Bale and Joel Edgerton. (S)

11.50 **FILM** Safe House (2012) (15) Thriller, with Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds. (S)

1.20 **OMG! Rise of the Insta-Babes** (S) 1.10 **SuperCasino** (S) 3.10 **Judy Garland: In Life and Death** (S)(R) 4.00 **Now That's Funny!** (S)(R) 4.50 **Divine Designs** (S)(R) 5.20 **Nick's Quest** (S)(R) 5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Traffic Cops:
Under Attack,
6pm

6.00 **Milkshake!** 10.05 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S)(R) 10.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) 11.10 **Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) 12.05 **Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) 1.05 **Police Interceptors** (S)(R) 2.05 **All New Traffic Cops** (S)(R) 5.00 **Traffic Cops: On the Edge** (S)(R) 6.00 **Traffic Cops: Under Attack** (S)(R)

7.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** High Court enforcement agents Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner are in Birmingham. (S)(R)

8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights** New series. Action from the opening round of fixtures. (S)
8.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 **FILM** Fifty Shades of Grey (2015) (18) Premiere. Erotic drama, starring Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson. Including 5 News Update at 22.00. (S)

11.25 **My Secret Sex Fantasy** New series. A detailed look at the deepest fantasies of ordinary men and women. (S)

12.20 **OMG! Rise of the Insta-Babes** (S) 1.10 **SuperCasino** (S) 3.10 **Judy Garland: In Life and Death** (S)(R) 4.00 **Now That's Funny!** (S)(R) 4.50 **Divine Designs** (S)(R) 5.20 **Nick's Quest** (S)(R) 5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 **Totally Bonkers** Guinness World Records 6.15 Mr Bean 6.40 **Emmerdale** 9.30 **Coronation Street** 11.00 **The X Factor** 12.35 **FILM**: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. 1.35 **FYI Daily** 1.40 **FILM**: Around the World in 80 Days (2004) (PG) Concluded. 2.55 **FILM**: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. 3.55 **FYI Daily** 4.00 **FILM**: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. 4.45 **FILM**: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. 5.50 **FYI Daily** 5.55 **FILM**: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Concluded. 7.00 **FILM**: Inception (2010) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. 8.05 **FYI Daily** 8.10 **FILM**: Inception (2010) (12) Concluded. 10.00 **Family Guy** 11.55 **American Dad!** 12.55 **The Cleveland Show** 1.50 **Viral Tap** 2.30 **Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 **FILM**: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) Comedy based on the TV series, starring John Inman. 7.05 **FYI Daily** 7.10 **FILM**: Are You Being Served? (1977) (PG) Concluded. 7.50 **Heartbeat** 9.55 **Murder, She Wrote** 12.55 **Midsomer Murders** 2.55 **FILM**: The Secret Garden (1993) (U) Children's drama, starring Kate Maberly. 3.55 **FYI Daily** 4.00 **FILM**: The Secret Garden (1993) (U) Concluded. 5.00 **Midsomer Murders** 9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 10.00 **Diana: The Day Britain Cried** 11.00 **Law & Order: UK** 1.05 **Foyle's War** 2.50 **The Knock** 3.45 **Wycliffe** 4.40 **Rising Damp** 5.05 **Judge Judy** 5.30 **ITV3 Nightscreen**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 **The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Faberge** Stephen Smith explores the life and work of the renowned jeweller, best known for the eggs he made out of precious metals and gemstones for the last tsars of Russia. 8.00 **BBC Proms 2017** 12.40 Singer-Songwriters at the BBC 2.35 **The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Faberge** 3.35 **Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 **Kevin Can Wait** 6.25 **Couples Come Dine with Me** 8.25 **Hollyoaks** 11.00 **Made in Chelsea**: Ibiza 12.00 **Don't Tell the Bride** 1.00 **Streetmate** 2.05 **FILM**: The Tigger Movie (2000) (U) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. 3.40 **FILM**: Rio (2011)

(U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg.

5.30 **The Big Bang Theory** 9.00 **FILM**: The A-Team (2010) (12) Action adventure, starring Liam Neeson. 11.20 **The Big Bang Theory** 12.20 **Tattoo Fixers on Holiday** 1.20 **Don't Tell the Bride** 2.25 **Body Fixers** 3.20 **Hollyoaks**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 **Location, Location, Location** 12.10 **Come Dine with Me** 2.50 **Four in a Bed** 5.25 **Come Dine with Me** 8.00 **World's Most Expensive Cars** 9.00 **Car SOS** 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.15 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** 1.10 **Car SOS** 2.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 3.10 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 **Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 **The Phantom** (1996) (12) Superhero adventure, starring Billy Zane. 1.00 **Baby's Day Out** (1994) (PG) Family comedy, with Joe Mantegna. 2.50 **Eragon** (2006) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers. 4.55 **Congo** (1995) (12) Jungle adventure, starring Dylan Walsh. 7.00 **Evolution** (2001) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. 9.00 **Four Weddings and a Funeral** (1994) (15) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. 11.15 **Instinct** (1999) (15) Psychological drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. 1.40 **Mindscape** (2013) (15) Fantasy thriller, starring Mark Strong. 3.45 **Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 **Home Shopping** 7.10 **Top Gear** 9.00 **Red Bull Soapbox Race** 10.00 **Traffic Cops** 11.00 **FILM**: Escape to Victory (1981) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine. 1.20 **FILM**: Kelly's Heroes (1970) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. 4.10 **Would I Lie to You?** 5.20 **Would I Lie to You?** At Christmas 6.00 **Red Bull Soapbox Race** 7.00 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad** 8.00 **Traffic Cops** 9.00 **Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You** 10.00 **Taskmaster** 11.00 **Live at the Apollo** 12.00 **QI XL** 1.00 **Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You** 2.05 **Would I Lie to You?** 2.45 **Parks and Recreation** 3.35 **The Indestructibles** 4.00 **Home Shopping**

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 **Garrow's Law** 9.00 **The Bill** 12.00 **North and South** 4.05 **Catherine Cookson's A Dinner of Herbs** 7.00 **Murdoch Mysteries** 8.00 **Jonathan Creek** 9.00 **Silent**

Witness 11.25 **Taggart** 2.25 **Garrow's Law** 4.00 **Home Shopping**

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 **Hour of Power** 7.00 **Duck Quacks Don't Echo** 7.30 **Modern Family** 10.00 **WWE Raw** 11.00 **Hawaii Five-0** 1.00 **Road Wars** 4.00 **Modern Family** 6.30 **The Simpsons** 8.00 **Game4Grenfell** 9.00 **The Last Ship** 10.00 **The Force: North East** 11.00 **Zoo** 12.00 **A League of Their Own** 1.00 <b

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

A wanderer is on his way

By Josh Cox

COMIC Bill Bailey will be bringing his new show *Larks in Transit* to The Anvil in Basingstoke in the new year.

Larks in Transit will start at the end of January 2018 and will tour the length and breadth of the UK, finishing in June.

The tour is a compilation of travellers' tales and the general shenanigans of 20 years as a wandering comedian.

With musical virtuosity, surreal tangents and trademark intelligence, Bill tackles politics, philosophy and the pursuit of happiness.

Plus, he fashions a symphony from a ringtone, tells the real story of Old McDonald, and re-imagines the Stars and Stripes.

Bailey began his career touring the country in the 1980s. Over the past 30-plus years he has gained a huge amount of national praise and been described by the Daily Telegraph as 'the brainiest comic of his generation'.

Bill has enjoyed much success on the circuit for many years and won

various awards including the British Comedy Award.

He has also performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival almost every year since his debut, *Cosmic Jam*, in 1995. His 1996 follow-up, *Bill Bailey Live*, earned him a nomination for the prestigious Perrier Award.

The Fringe has also seen Bill branch out as a dramatic actor, firstly in a well-received production of *12 Angry Men*, as the restrained Juror 4, then two years later as the slouchy, unkempt Oscar in the equally acclaimed *The Odd Couple*.

Pronounced by The Guardian Guide as 'approaching the status of national treasure', he is well known for his role in *Black Books* and for his regular appearances on *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, *Have I Got News for You* and *QI*, as well as his extensive stand-up work.

For your chance to see Bill, head to The Anvil on March 7.

Tickets cost £29.50. To book, call the box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.



Bill Bailey tackles politics, philosophy and the pursuit of happiness in his new show

Laughter is in the Ayres

By Josh Cox

WRITER and presenter Pam Ayres brings her show to Basingstoke on September 24.

Pam has been making the nation laugh for more than 40 years with her poems, which capture her eye for the detail of everyday life and its absurdity.

Pam is now as popular as ever and is one of the few authors who has had books in the Sunday Times bestseller charts in almost every decade since the 1970s.

In 2015, once again, the most borrowed poetry book in UK Libraries was Pam's 'You Made Me Late Again'.

She is the author of several best-selling poetry collections, and many of her poems are included in school textbooks around the world.

As well as her poetry, Pam also has two audio CDs, two DVDs and a biography to her name.

Pam was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2004

and was commissioned by the BBC to write a poem to celebrate Team GB's success at the Rio Olympics.

She is fairly local to the area, being born in Berkshire.

Her life in the limelight began after she won the talent show *Opportunity Knocks* in 1975. Since then, she has grown to be one of the UK's most famous modern day poets.

She regularly appears on television and often broadcasts on BBC Radio 4, including on *Just A Minute*, *Loose Ends* and *Saturday Live*, and her own programme *Ayres on the Air*.

She continues to tour venues around the country each year and has also performed for the Queen on several occasions.

Tickets for *An Evening with Pam Ayres* are £23.50. The show starts at 5pm at The Anvil on Sunday, September 24.

For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk.



An opportunity knocks to see popular poet Pam Ayres in Basingstoke this month

Countdown to rock

MUSIC: The 6-5 Jive Rock 'n' Roll club is hosting an evening of classic rock at The Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke.

It takes place on Saturday from 7pm. Vintage will be on stage with DJ Stompin' Steve playing smash hit tracks and taking requests.

Admission is £10 on the door.

Slice of heritage

FILM: Next Thursday the Thornycroft Society will be showcasing the local film *Thornycroft Day* from 7.30pm.

The film takes you through the history of Thornycroft, one of Basingstoke's biggest factories. Society members will be there to answer questions and tell you more afterwards. Refreshments are available with free admission.

Crafty crocodiles

WORKSHOP: Could your child be the next Quentin Blake or Beatrix Potter?

Head over to Basing House in Old Basing on September 9 for an all-day animal art workshop.

Designed for children between seven and eleven, join illustrator Emily Harper from 9.30am to 4pm. Costs are £15 per child.

Sixties revisited

MUSIC: There will be a special tribute to the 60s at The Swan in Sherborne St John with The Blue Beatles duo on Saturday.

You can hear all of your favourites, plus a side dish of other 60s classics including hits from The Hollies, The Rolling Stones, and Simon & Garfunkel.

The duo will be performing between 9pm and 11.30pm, with no entry fee.

Midnight stroll

EVENT: Raise some money for charity next weekend and part take in the overnight Moonlight walk.

The money raised will go to St Michael's Hospice, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

To join, head over to Pirchester Square, Basingstoke for 10pm on September 9. It costs £17 for adults and £10 for children.

Rock around clock

MUSIC: The Wellington Social Club will feature The Harvey Baker Band performing a mix of rock and pop on September 9.

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Peugeot 508 SW GT Line BlueHDi 120 Auto

Good all rounder and not bad looking

By Tony Yates

THIS month's road test puts me in the driving seat of the Peugeot 508 SW GT Line. On first appraisal the 508 SW is a great looking estate with some wonderful swooping lines.

This takes me back to when designers actually tried to make a car look different by not copying what the next guy was doing – also judging by the look of the SW - they have managed to push the 'good looking' envelope that little bit more – whilst designing a pretty sweet looking estate - that even the most hard lined Volvo estate buyer would find difficult to ignore.

Of course, it's all done on super computers today and there's probably not a single pencil in sight. But, I would still like to think that a bunch of designers got together one evening in the local pub and really thrashed out what a good looking estate car should look like.

Well judging by what I have seen so far, I think they might have just made the 508 pretty much perfect in that department.

On the road

It's quite firm into the corners - but very well balanced. As you would expect for a GT, it's set very low and when you add low profile tyres at each corner – you start to feel every single bump and pothole, but it is what it is – and that's something that comes with running large rims with performance tyres.

Power & efficiency

The 508 SW I had on test was powered by a 1560cc diesel engine that has 120BHP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 123mph, plus a 0-62 time of 11.2 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of 67.3 mpg.

A big plus point for this car though is its 300Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant 6 speed automatic gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss. Then

there are the brakes, which feel good and firm and will stop you as good as the best of the best.

Interior & technology

The interior is of a good standard – with lots of chrome fittings and clear dials. But, you are also getting good value for money in terms of standard equipment like; ABS/ESP/EBA, driver & front passenger front and side airbags, iPod/MP3 connection, LED daytime running lights, air conditioning, six speakers, steering wheel-mounted audio control and parking sensors.

Additionally on the inside you also get a tidy amount of media equipment to keep you happy like; The Peugeot Media Sound System which includes a 7" multifunction colour touchscreen with satellite navigation, DAB radio tuner and Bluetooth audio with USB connectivity. There is also the addition of 'GT Line' extra's like; 18" GT Line alloy wheels, full LED headlamps, twin exhaust effect trims and half leather trim with red stitch detail.

Performance, power and hi-tech make this Peugeot estate one to check out



To sum up

I'm going to give the 508 SW four stars in this test, not only because I like its looks, but because I believe it's

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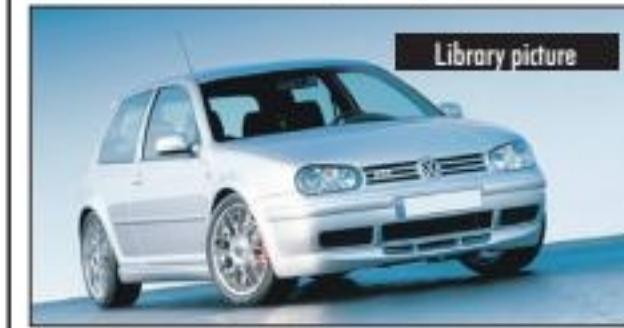
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Local derby could decide title

By Matthew Brown

A TWO-WICKET victory for Basingstoke and North Hampshire Cricket Club (BNHCC) away against Tichbourne Park on Saturday means they will need to win their final Southern League Division One game against local rivals Hook and Newnham Basics to stand any chance of sealing the title.

The Bountymen won the toss and elected to field, with Martyn James making early inroads when he dismissed opening batsman George Ayling for four.

Tichbourne recovered with Pradeeptha Gunaratne (25) and Hector Don (13) adding 40 for the second wicket.

It was spinner Matt Thank-

achan (4-20) who ripped into the home side's top order, first removing Gunaratne who was caught by Max Harsham before William Phillips caught Don.

Thankachan then dismissed Martin Cheyney (20) and Henry Don (19), both caught and bowled to leave Tichbourne 92-5.

Captain Mitch Stokes brought himself on to bowl and took a wicket shortly after when Thomas Allam was caught by Phillips for four, to leave the home side 94-6.

Jack Skinner, who finished on 19 not out, was the only notable score from the tail as Tichbourne were all out for 136 from 45 overs.

In reply, Max Harsham (8) was the first Basingstoke bats-

man to fall when he nicked behind to Henry Don off the bowling of Hector Don.

Fellow opener Daniel Belcher fell for 15 soon after, caught by William Allam off Thomas Allam's bowling.

Mitch Stokes (17), Chris Froud (15) and William Phillips (14) all got into double figures but could not go on to make bigger scores, and once Phillips had been dismissed, Basingstoke were 83-6.

Both Allams had caused significant damage, Thomas taking 2-47 and William with 3-13.

However player/coach David Griffiths (23), together with Chris Jolley (23) stabilised the Bountymen, getting them to 124 before Griffiths was bowled by Edward Berry.



Matt Thankachan
impressed with
the ball for the
Bountymen

Jolley departed shortly after but Thankachan (6 not out) and Martyn James (0 not out) saw Basingstoke home inside 31 overs.

With leaders Calmore Sports running out with a four-wicket

victory against Rowledge, giving them an 18-point lead, the Bountymen must pick up a victory on Saturday against Hook in the local derby and hope that Calmore lose against Portsmouth.

Collard's title hopes dented after crash

ROB Collard lost ground in his fight for the British Touring Car Championship title after recording his first non-points finishes of the year at Rockingham on Sunday.

The Hook-based racer could only manage eighth place in race two, having finished just outside the points in 17th in the day's opener to end his long sequence of top-15 results.

Collard looked as though he may be able to claw back some ground in race three, but unfortunately he had some contact late in the race and had to retire.

"I'm disappointed with the weekend because I've only scored eight points, which now makes winning the championship extremely difficult," said Collard.

"Race one was tough on the hard tyre and with a lot of ballast, but to come from 17th to eighth in race two was very strong."

"I think a podium was on in race three, but unfortunately I had some contact late in the race and had to retire."

Collard stays fourth in the standings but is now 58 points behind series leader Ashley Sutton, with two rounds remaining.

Silverstone is the next event on September 17, before the season finale at Brands Hatch on October 1.



It was a disappointing afternoon for Rob Collard at Rockingham. Picture: btcc.net

Improvement in form as Rose fights back into the top-10

JUSTIN Rose secured his first top-10 finish on the PGA Tour since the Masters back in April after a consistent display in The Northern Trust.

The north Hampshire golfer was one of seven players to finish on four under par in a tie

for 10th place, after sitting in contention towards the top of the leaderboard for most of the tournament.

Rose had a steady first round to finish two under on Thursday, and although he matched that score on Friday it could

have been a lot better.

He had been four under for the round approaching the 15th hole, but a bogey and double bogey undid most of his hard work, although he did pull a shot back on 17.

A third round 69 put Rose on

five under for the tournament going into the final day, seven behind day three leader Jordan Spieth.

But having reached the final hole on level par for the day, Rose bogeyed the last to drop back a shot and have to settle

for a share of 10th.

Despite that, it was still Rose's best result on the PGA Tour since he finished as the runner-up at the Masters.

At the top of the table, Dustin Johnson beat Spieth in a play-off to take the title.

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First defeat

FOOTBALL: Hartley Wintney's unbeaten start to life in the Southern League Division One East came to an end with a 3-0 away defeat at Marlow.

The Row were well beaten by Marlow, who scored their goals through Allen Bosman, Issac Osei-Tutu and Jordace Holder-Spooner.

They will have some respite from the league though as they make the short trip to the Camrose to play Basingstoke Town in the FA Cup first qualifying round on Saturday.

Calleva on form

FOOTBALL: Tadley Calleva continued their unbeaten start in the Wessex League Division One with a 3-0 away victory at Downton.

Goals from Brett Denham, Archie Fawcett and Paul Coventry all netted to take Calleva to third in the table.

Elsewhere in the same league, Whitchurch United claimed their first win of the season with a 2-1 home victory over East Cowes.

Goals from Jack Ormiston and David Palmer secured the points for the Jam Boys.

Whitchurch and Tadley then faced each other on Tuesday night, with Tadley coming out on top with a 5-0 win.

County in finals

CRICKET: Hampshire will head to t20 Finals Day at Edgbaston on Saturday in confident mood after comfortably defeating Derbyshire by 101 runs in last week's quarter final.

A sensational 101 from Shahid Afridi helped Hampshire to their highest ever t20 score of 249-8 before Liam Dawson (3-28) and Kyle Abbott (3-25) picked up key wickets as Derbyshire were all out for 148.

Hampshire will face Nottinghamshire in their semi final, with the winner going on to play the winners of Birmingham and Glamorgan in the first semi.

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Lucky 13 for Basingstoke after two stunning wins

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town kick-started their Evo-Stik Southern League campaign in spectacular style, scoring 13 goals in the process of their two wins against Chesham United and Gosport Town over the bank holiday weekend.

Braces from Ben Wright and Aaron Jarvis along with Sam Smart helped the Dragons to a 5-0 thrashing of Chesham United at the Camrose on Saturday.

That was followed with a dominant 8-0 away demolition of Gosport Borough on Monday, to complete a dramatic turnaround for a side that had lost their opening three games.

Against Chesham, Wright opened the scoring after just six minutes when he slotted in Smart's cross.

The striker was celebrating again just after the half-hour mark when he converted from the penalty spot, after Smart was fouled in the box.

Chesham, who had created very little in the first half, saw Shane Bush's header slam against the bar just before half-time.

Immediately after the break, Chesham spurned good chances to get a foothold back into the game, but this just jolted Basingstoke back into life.

Jarvis made it 3-0 on 57 minutes when he slotted home Wright's pass

before he scored again four minutes later, finishing superbly from Michael Atkinson's cross.

It was 5-0 with 15 minutes still to play when the impressive Smart fired home from Charlie Kennedy's back heel.

Town continued where they left off when they made the trip to Gosport.

Wright continued his form to open the scoring after two minutes when he nodded in a Michael Atkinson cross, with Smart doubling the lead on 16 minutes when he pounced on a defensive mix-up to tap in.

Former Gosport man Wright scored Basingstoke's third from the penalty spot, giving them a comfortable lead going into half-time.

The rout continued just three minutes after the interval with Smart grabbing his second after cutting his way through the Gosport defence, to make it 4-0.

New signing Jack McKnight made it five when he converted from fellow sub Ashleigh Artwell's cross, before Edward Sanders put through his own net to make it 6-0.

Dan Collier added a seventh on 78 minutes, with McKnight completing the demolition in stoppage time, moving the Dragons up to 14th in the Southern Premier League.

Next up is a home derby with Hartley Wintney in the FA Cup first qualifying round on Saturday.



Sam Smart was on the scoresheet in both matches for Basingstoke over the weekend
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